

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

IUE-CWA, et al.,	)	
	)	Case No. 4:15-cv-02301
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	Judge Benita Y. Pearson
v.	)	
	)	
General Electric Company,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**Defendant's Response to Plaintiffs' Motion for Order Excusing Certain Parties and Party Representatives from Participation in Case Management Conference**

Defendant General Electric Company does not oppose Plaintiffs' motion, but believes that the excused parties and party representatives should not be permitted to serve as proposed class representatives if they are unwilling and uninterested in participating in this case on behalf of those they purport to represent, and simply intend to "abide by the decisions made for them by the other Plaintiff party representatives." Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 does not contemplate a class action system where the purported individual class representatives do not participate in the litigation and the class is instead purportedly represented by union plaintiffs who are not themselves members of the class at all.

Respectfully submitted,

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